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LOT 1120

A late 19th century marine chronometer, the two-day fusee movement with Earnshaw type spring detent and bimetallic balance, the silvered circular dial with Roman hour numerals, subsidiary state of wind and seconds dials, inscribed 'D. McGregor & Co makers to the Admiralty, Glasgow & Greenock' and numbered '2021', in a brass bowl hung in gimbals, within a brass bound rosewood three-section case, the front with applied makers' plaque, total height 18.8cm.

Estimate: £1,000 - £1,500

Condition Report

1120. The winding key is missing. There are some serious damage problems to this mechanism. It is impossible to say exactly what repairs are required without dismantling the mechanism. The faults below are as seen without dismantling: 1. Fusee change has been removed from mechanism and is packed separately in the case. The fusee chain does appear to be complete. 2. The main gimble pivots are snapped off, therefore the mechanism is not secured to the case. 3. There is damage to the mechanism including a broken escape wheel pivot. Other mechanical faults will almost certainly be found but it is not possible to determine exactly what without further dismantling the mechanism. Otherwise dial is in generally good order. Brass case also in good order. Rosewood case also in generally good condition. Lacquer to brass mounts is a bit worn and pitted.

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